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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### China Worried

PEKING'S 14,000-word editorial published on Saturday criticises Marshal Tito only incidentally. Its chief purpose is to "consolidate unity of the international Communist ranks and avoid creating conditions which the enemy can use to cause confusion and division in our own ranks". The editorial admits wide, fundamental breaches in the Communist structure, appears to condemn extremes, but generally comes out solidly on the side of the Soviet Union.

The editorial has a temporary importance, however, and will undoubtedly be widely read in Communist parts through the world. It clears misunderstandings about the direction of Chinese policy, but it does little to heal the breach. If anything, its strictures against Marshal Tito emphasise the profound nature of the divisions now manifesting themselves in the Communist world. Peking's warning of the consequences of persisting in an independent course seems certain to fall on deaf ears. Not even the admission of Stalin's mistakes can do much to change the course adopted by Yugoslavia.

**YUGOSLAV** policy is not in any sense a new deviation. It began when Tito determined he would be master of his country's destiny, when he rejected Stalin's attempt to impose Soviet domination. With such sentiments as "We must continue to strengthen international proletarian solidarity with the Soviet Union at its centre", Marshal Tito could not be less sympathetic. To this extent China's attempts at reconciliation are unrealistic. Peking also betrays fears of the Communist bloc disintegrating leaving Russia and China isolated from the rest of the world.

The chief concern seems to be that Yugoslavia's contemptuous disregard of Stalin—contempt which has won him handsomely dividends both from East and West—will encourage a trend towards independence in other satellites. For "deStalinisation", which China abhors, is synonymous with "democratisation". Hungary clearly opted for this course, but it has been turned into a Russian slave state. If other satellites follow this trend and meet with similar repression the result could be as disastrous a setback to Russia as the renunciation of communism in Eastern Europe.

THE Peking editorial may therefore be seen as a call for tolerance in the satellites. But the tolerance it calls for is acquiescence to continued Russian dictatorship. It unashamedly describes Soviet action in Hungary as "righteous"—consistent, of course, with its own action in Tibet—and then hypocritically criticises "great nation chauvinism" which is a complete contradiction of the basic policy it advocates throughout the editorial. This is apparently a sop to Tito, but weighed against other pronouncements, it betrays China's refusal to offend Moscow.

Throughout the editorial, China makes a careful distinction between Stalin and Stalin's mistakes. It claims Yugoslavia and many other Communists confuse the two. This is in line with the statement it made earlier this year when Stalinist iconoclasm was at its height following the Khrushchev denunciation. The distinction is one that enables China to regard Stalin as a "great Marxist-Leninist revolutionary" leaving it at the same time free to criticise his mistakes. But the editorial is not one that will win much support in the new liberal mood that is sweeping Eastern Europe and Communist parties in the West.

### New Year's Eve Of Mourning Call To Hungarians

Budapest, Dec. 30. Unsigned leaflets called on all Hungary tonight to mark a black New Year's Eve in mourning for the dead of the Hungarian revolt and in defiance of the government.

By typewritten messages and word of mouth the call was circulated. The leaflets said any celebration of the New Year at this time would be "an insult to our heroic dead."

They called on Hungarians instead to burn candles in their windows as peaceful proof that the flame of freedom burns on.

There was no clue to the source of the call for mourning at midnight when the rest of the world will be celebrating.

#### CURFEW IMPOSED

The Soviet High Command for its part clamped on the usual 10 p.m. curfew in Budapest tomorrow night even though it was completely lifted on Christmas Eve.

The underground cell for a black New Year's Eve followed just a day behind official announcements decreeing a sombre New Year's Day for tens of thousands of Hungarians.

The decree imposed economic cuts in industry and government. Unofficial estimates indicated between 100,000 and 200,000 may be left jobless on January 1.

The government meanwhile moved to crack down on the underground railway that has poured well more than 100,000 Hungarians over the Iron Curtain to freedom in the West.

#### ARRESTS STEPPED UP

The Budapest press reported arrests were taking place in border areas of Hungarians who helped fellow countrymen cross the Austrian frontier.

Reliable sources in Budapest said arrests were now apparently taking place if it could be "proved" that persons were assisting others to cross the border. Previously only persons caught red-handed were picked up.

No figures were available on the number of arrests so far. Speculation continued that Premier Janos Kadar might make a major announcement on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.

Some believed the announcement would include a statement on withdrawal of Soviet troops from Budapest and a possible coalition government including Kadar's Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, the non-Communist Smallholders and the non-Communist National Peasant Party.—United Press.

## Police Station Raid: Constable Killed

**MEMBERS OF THE OUTLAWS IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY WERE REPORTED LATE TONIGHT TO HAVE THROWN A BOMB AT A POLICE STATION AT DERRYLIN, COUNTY FERMANAGH, FATALLY INJURING A YOUNG POLICE MAN, CONSTABLE SEAN SCALLY, AGED 22.**

The raiders, their faces blackened, surrounded the Royal Ulster Constabulary building in a rainstorm.

They threw a bomb at the door of the station and opened fire as the police came running out into the darkness.

After a five-minute gun duel, the raiders made a complete getaway into the dense countryside surrounding this tiny Fermanagh hamlet.

A spokesman at the County Hospital Fermanagh said later that the injured constable, Scally, was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Scally, whose home was at Ballycastle, County Antrim, was said to have gunshot wounds.

## Bomb Blasts Down Door

A midnight statement issued by the Royal Ulster Constabulary headquarters in Belfast said: "At about 10.20 p.m., Derrylin RUC station, County Fermanagh, was attacked by armed men."

"After a heavy bomb had blown in the front door volleys of small arms fire were directed at the opening."

"The police returned the fire and the attackers withdrew."

"Constable Sean Scally, was wounded in the back and later died."

Police and military began a search of the area for the raiders.

On December 18 a heavy attack was launched against the Derrylin police station, which is 11 miles from Enniskillen.

A heavy bomb then blew in the front door and the front of the building was sprayed with automatic fire. The police kept the attackers at bay until reinforcements arrived.—Reuter.

## Police Swoop, Make Haul

Belfast, Dec. 30. Three men were detained for questioning after a dawn swoop by police today on a disguised farmhouse at Dunnamore, County Tyrone.

In the house police found an assortment of service rifles, three stem guns, two Bren guns, a large quantity of ammunition and a number of ordnance survey maps.

The swoop was the culmination of a three days' intensive police search of desolate countryside for men who are believed to be still hiding after recent border raids by the Irish Republican Army.

Yesterday the Ulster government banned two republican organisations—Finn Fein and Fianna Uladh as political parties in Northern Ireland. Both movements are known to have many IRA sympathisers in their ranks.—Reuter.

## ESCAPEE REVEALS PLANE'S SECRETS

London, Dec. 30. Anti-Communist Poles reported tonight that a young Polish airman who fled to the Danish island of Bornholm had provided British experts with full operational details of the latest MiG jet fighter.

They disclosed that Lt Zygmut Gosciniak spent nearly a month in London providing information on MiG-type fighters and other Soviet aircraft used by the Polish Air Force.

Lt Gosciniak, 28, had escaped last autumn aboard a faster MiG, which was normally assigned to Polish training flights to make sure that pilots in other, slower planes could not escape.

Lt Gosciniak's presence here was revealed last night when he received a Free Polish decoration from General W. Anders, leader of the Polish troops who settled in Britain after the Communist take-over of their homeland after World War II.

#### TOP-RANKING RED

He said the Poznan riots prompted his decision to flee. "I was a top-ranking Communist and chairman of my wing and secretary of my unit, and due for promotion; I was above suspicion," he said.

"On every training flight there is always one trusted pilot in a faster plane, with orders to shoot down any man trying to flee. My friends said when the C.G. was here and took his place and the MiG turned only on a few degrees off the course."

"In the end I was forced to leave because of the way I was treated by my superiors. They were very bad, but they had to be beaten to get them to do what they wanted."

## "Mona Lisa" Damaged By Vandal

Paris, Dec. 30. A 42-year-old Belgian, Huu Unjaga Villegas, today threw a stone at "Mona Lisa", hitting her left elbow. The world renowned painting by Leonardo da Vinci of a woman, famous for her cryptic smile, is now in the Louvre Museum in Paris.

The stone thrown by Villegas shattered the glass protecting the painting, chipped off a flake of paint, and centimetre square, on Mona Lisa's elbow and caused a few fine scratches.

The police hustled Villegas off for questioning. Later the Secretary of State for Arts and Letters, M. Georges Caudron, stated that the damage did not affect any important part of the masterpiece and could easily be repaired.

Nevertheless, "Mona Lisa" still smiles cryptically, has been taken off for further examination and will be exhibited again when she returns to her place in the Louvre in a few days.

Villegas, an inhabitant of one of the Salvation Army homes in Paris, is now in jail.—France-Press.

Paris, Dec. 30. Unidentified persons damaged the "Mona Lisa" painting in the Louvre, the National Museum of Art, in Paris, yesterday morning. All the damage was caused by stones and sticks.

## TRUCK-TRAIN COLLISION: 2 DEAD, 30 INJURED

Poitiers, France, Dec. 30.

A two-car diesel train collided with a truck near here today and burst into flames.

The police said at least two persons were killed and more than 30 others injured.

The train was speeding down the main Paris-Bordeaux track when a truck slammed through a crossing gate.

They collided virtually head-on.

Police said the truck's brakes failed. The engineer and the track driver were killed instantly.

Panic exploded among the train's passengers

after the second

coach rolled down a bank and caught fire.

Many were seriously cut trying to plunge through the shattered window.

Others with clothing on fire rolled hysterically in the fields, trying to put out the flames.

Their screams brought

villagers from Virolet

who pulled passengers

away from the wreckage before Poitiers firemen arrived.

Police requisitioned

cars on the busy

highway and shuttled

some 30 injured to

Poitiers hospitals.—

United Press.

## NEHRU'S QUEST WITH CHOU

New Delhi, Dec. 30.

The Prime Ministers of China and India, Mr Chou En-lai and Mr Nehru, tonight resumed their talks on the world situation—in a railway carriage travelling across the Punjab.

The two leaders are bound for Lahore to inspect construction work on the world's highest dam.

Earlier, the statesmen had an hour's discussion after Mr Chou's arrival here from Pakistan.

This second round of talks follows their meeting a month ago on the eve of Mr Nehru's visit to Washington.

It is understood that at their meeting today Mr Nehru gave Mr Chou a list of his talks with President Eisenhower on Far East problems.

### "Give And Take"

Diplomatic sources believe Mr Nehru is trying to bring about a series of "give and take" steps towards a rapprochement between America and China.

Mr Nehru is understood to appreciate the US view that imperialism of American origin in China is one of the major barriers.

If this was removed, the US might be prepared to relax its ban on American newsmen visiting China.

On the other hand, it is authoritatively learned that the Chinese students in the US have approached the Indian Embassy for assistance in returning to China. It is understood that their cases are complicated and in dispute.

### May Meet Again

Mr Nehru is trying to unravel these problems as a preliminary to helping India's quest of an overall settlement in the Far East.

Indian sources see in Mr Chou's decision to return quickly to Peking that the Nehru-Eisenhower talks were sufficiently optimistic to warrant fresh consultations with others in the Chinese hierarchy.

These sources even suggest it is possible Mr Nehru and Mr Chou will have a third round of talks next month after the Chinese Prime Minister visits Moscow.—Reuter.

## Drowned Woman Bejewelled

Paris, Dec. 30.

River police today found floating in the river Seine the body of a woman wearing 15 million francs (£15,000 sterling) worth of jewellery.

They identified her as Madame Jean Cazal, wife of a pottery manufacturer, and mother of two children, who had disappeared from her home on November 21.—China-Mail Special.

## DAMAGED LUXURY LINER REACHES PORT

Le Havre, Dec. 30.

The French luxury liner Liberte limped into Le Havre tonight with three injured passengers, three forward loading masts smashed, and part of her superstructure twisted after being pounded by a storm in the Atlantic.

The liner was back only three days after sailing. Her captain had decided in view of the damage suffered, to turn about.

Captain De Baudouin, his features drawn after 48 hours on watch, told how early on Saturday morning his ship ran into a cyclone.

The Liberte's bows ploughed into the sea and two enormous waves crashed on to the forward deck. The hundred or so tons of water almost wiped away the three loading masts and buckled part of the steel superstructure.

The Liberte was carrying 450 passengers bound for New York.—France-Press.

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# Karl Marx Was Wrong

ISRAELI WARNING

## Navigational Freedom Of Akaba

Jerusalem, Dec. 30. Walter Eytan, head of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said today that freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Akaba, on the Red Sea, was the only guarantee that Egypt would consent to freedom of navigation in the Suez Canal.

Eytan stressed the importance for the entire world of finding another route to replace the Suez, and maintained that the Gulf of Akaba, and the Israeli Red Sea port of Eilath offered such a route.

He said that as long as the Gulf of Akaba remained open to international navigation Egypt would not be tempted to block the Suez Canal, and even if she did block it, it could be bypassed and the blockade would only injure Egypt herself.

### Remilitarise Sinai

In a speech broadcast over the Israeli radio, Eytan warned of the danger that Egypt would again block the Gulf of Akaba if she took over the Sinai Peninsula.

He said that if Israel withdrew from the Sinai Peninsula as scheduled, the United Nations forces would take over there. But in turn the United Nations forces would have to withdraw when Egypt demanded it.

Egypt could then remilitarise Sinai and again block the Gulf of Akaba.—France-Press.

### Hungarian Jurist Rehabilitated

Budapest, Dec. 30. Hungarian jurist, Josef Szabo, who was imprisoned from 1950 to 1955 for having publicly criticised the Government's arbitrary judicial procedures, has been rehabilitated; it was announced today.

Szabo will shortly resume his former duties as Dean of the Law Faculty at the University of Szeged, the announcement said.—France-Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across: 1 Gap (6). 4 Merchandise (6). 7 Opening (6). 8 Divert (6). 9 Soundless (6). 11 Gem (7). 12 Dore (7). 13 Spot (6). 14 Temporary settlements (6). 15 Legato (8). 16 Pub some call a joint (6). 17 Seaf (6). Across: 1 Dump, 4 Capture, 6 Room, 9 Trio, 10 Nursing, 11-Peal, 12 Pile, 14 Losses, 17 Adorn, 19 Bath, 22 Shoter, 23 Men, 27 Clue, 28 Busted, 29 Neat, 30 Seed, 31 Liosons, 32 Sets. Down: 2 Afraid, 3 Proper, 4 Conn, 5 Amulet, 6 Testis, 7 Ramo, 12 Puse, 13 Long, 15 Elbow, 16 Bond, 18 Reces, 20 Amends, 21 Intact, 23 Hour, 24 Latin, 25 Rides.

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## CAPITALISM NOT

## LIABLE TO COLLAPSE

Washington, Dec. 30.

Top Russian economists no longer expect the collapse of Western capitalism and look for a long period of competitive struggle with the United States, an American economist said today.

Grover W. Ensley, executive director of the House Senate Economic Committee, said he learned of the "revolution" in Soviet economic thought during a recent meeting in Moscow with seven top Russian economists at the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

Writing in the current issue of "Nation's Business," Ensley said "anything can happen" as Kremlin leaders, fearful of satellite unrest, "come to understand this new concept that capitalism won't destroy itself."

### May Panic

"Time, they have stated over and over again, is in their favour," he said. "Once they realise fully that time is not in their favour, they may panic. We can never for a moment lower our guard against that possibility."

Ensley said it is the younger Soviet economists who now believe Karl Marx was wrong when he predicted the collapse of Western capitalism. But older ones, he said, still believe the United States will suffer an other "1929-type crash."

But he added that the "younger, more flexible" Soviet economists are gaining stature and power in economic circles. They undoubtedly will produce "significant changes" in Communism policies, he said.

Ensley said it is clear Russia will try to bind her satellite countries more closely by concentrating on a "decentralisation" programme that will make them economically dependent on one another and on her.

### Laissez Faire

In the future each country will have more voice in determining its production, Ensley said. The Soviet economists emphasised their "discovery" of the "laissez faire economics of the division of labour and com-

petitive advantage," he added. "By that they meant, as they put it, that Poland would produce what she can most economically produce, with Czechoslovakia, Russia and China doing the same and then trading with one another."

### Military Danger

To encourage "local initiative" among the workers, Ensley said the Soviets have instituted "almost a profit motive." Much Russian labour now is on a "piece basis" to stimulate production, a far cry from the Marx doctrine of "from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs."

Ensley said he found the younger Soviet economists "were clearly impressed by capitalist achievements" and were familiar with recent professional economic publications, documents and research reports from the US.

But he said he concluded from his talks that "the Communist economy even with significant changes can never outperform our own." The danger to the United States, he said, is "not so much economic as it is political and military."

A chart accompanying his article showed that in 1955 Russia produced 50 million tons of steel compared to 117 million for the United States and 170 billion kilowatt-hours of electric power compared with 625 billion for the US.

### Defence Production

The Soviets produced 4 million radio and TV sets as against 14.5 million radios and 7.8 million TV sets for the United States.

The Russians would not tell Ensley what percentage of their total production was going to defence. But he said informed Western estimates place it at 15 per cent. The United States devotes not more than 10 per cent of its production to defence, he noted.—United Press.

### Less Spectacular

Less spectacular was the tremendous expansion by industrial corporations of work or reactors to produce electrical power or promote new experiments.

In 1956, private companies began construction of, or received contracts for, 89 new nuclear reactors, including 29 to produce power (electrical or to drive ships) and 30 for research purposes.

They will be built for the United States Government, for private companies or for export overseas. These companies also continued work on 17 reactors ordered in 1955, and completed two.

The private corporations were stimulated by a progressive easing, during the year, of restrictions by the Atomic Energy Commission on use of its knowledge of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy—gained partly as by-product of building hydrogen and atomic bombs.

But the great diversity of research in the United States part of the drive to find the most economical type of power reactor, to produce electricity as cheaply as conventional generators—is openly admitted by American scientists to have left them well behind Britain in the international "reactor race."

The tenth anniversary falls on January 1, 1957.

### GREAT DEVELOPMENT

The brochure itself said that Britain's coal industry was in the thick of a great development programme, which would complete its transformation into "one of the most modern and efficient undertakings in the country."

Of the future, the brochure said the demand from fuel and power would continue to increase in the next decade, but however, with the advance of nuclear power, it could not for many years contribute "a major part."

Annual coal production now exceeded that in 1948 by 20 million tons. The latest figures for annual coal production was 221 million tons in 1955.—China Mail Special.

Augusta, Dec. 30.

After a weekend's golfing at Augusta in Georgia, President Eisenhower took a plane back to Washington this evening to prepare for his meeting with leading Congressmen on January 1.

The President will meet the Congressmen at the White House to explain the new United States New Deal in the Middle

## 'Friar Tuck' Was Put On Diet

## Egyptian Wounds Must Be Healed Says Editor

London, Dec. 30.

The "wound inflicted on Egypt and other Middle East countries" must heal before the United Nations Middle East police force can "function effectively as a keeper of the peace," Mr Devasadas Gandhi declared today in a letter to the Observer.

Mr Gandhi, Managing Editor of the Hindustan Times, was writing to this independent Sunday newspaper to comment on a plan for the Middle East proposed by the Observer.

In his letter, Mr Gandhi said: "I have read with interest the detailed plan produced by a group of independent experts, and published in your columns on December 10, for the future functioning of UNEF in the Middle East.

UNEF can function effectively as a keeper of the peace" Reuter.

## North Sumatra Troops Still Missing

Djakarta, Dec. 30.

The whereabouts of rebel army Colonel Maludin Simbolon, and the 300 troops who fled from Medan, North Sumatra, last Thursday, are still unknown, the Medan radio reported today.

Simbolon was replaced by Lieutenant-Colonel Jamin Glinteng five days ago, after he had announced that the territory under his command had broken away from the central government.

Glinteng, who remained loyal to the central government, gave Simbolon and his men seven days to return. Sixteen rebels have so far surrendered.

### DISCUSSED FAIR

At Djakarta, the leaders of the coalition government parties today discussed the fate of the central government, but failed to reach a decision. Premier Ali Sastarmidijo, Nationalist Party wanted the Cabinet to be maintained, while the Moslem Nahdlatul Ulama and the minor Catholic and Christian parties reportedly wanted the Cabinet to resign.—France-Press.

## SCIENTISTS UNLOCK ATOMIC SECRETS

New York, Dec. 30.

United States scientists made spectacular "break-throughs" in unlocking the secrets of the atom in 1956, but in commercial and military development of nuclear energy it was a year of undramatic refinement.

In pure science, probing the world within the atom, American scientists announced in June positive detection of the neutrino, one of the components of the atom whose existence had been deduced but never before proved.

Last Friday Dr Luis Alvarez announced a laboratory method of using hydrogen atoms a success which gave another glimpse of a means to harness the fury of the hydrogen bomb for peaceful purposes.

Both these successes were sensations in the scientific world though promising no immediate practical benefit.

### Enriched Uranium

Second, Britain's "export reactors" are of the Calder Hall type, which uses the comparatively easily obtained natural uranium. Many planned American reactors, though likely to be of greater efficiency, use enriched uranium.

Since enriched uranium can be used to make atomic bombs, the United States Government keeps strict control of its supplies.

While the Atomic Energy Commission is willing, with certain restrictions, to make enriched uranium available abroad, American companies have found resistance by overseas buyers, particularly in the East, to becoming "tied" to this country's goodwill in so important a field.

In contrast to this difficulty in finding potential buyers for power station reactors, American companies have found a good market for research reactors.—China Mail Special.

### Speculation Rife In Russia

Moscow, Dec. 30. The Soviet newspaper Leningradskaya Pravda today strongly denounced speculation in rugs, furs, refrigerators, watches, rings, cameras and other goods which it said was going on in the Soviet Union.

The newspaper said that speculators knew the market situation better than State commercial employees. It cited a recent case where speculators were openly admitted by American scientists to have left them well behind Britain in the international "reactor race."

There was no doubt among Western observers that the change represented demolition for Mr Tevosyan who has been in charge of the Soviet ferrous metal industry since before the war.

### OUTPUT DOWN

Observers pointed out that the resolutions of the recent Soviet Communist Party Central Committee meeting called for improved management of the nation's economy and at the same time stated that the planned output of metal would not be reached this year.

This latest reshuffle is the most important move since the Christmas Day announcement that Mr M. G. Perukhin had been appointed Chairman of the State Planning Commission in place of Mr M. Z. Saburov.

Like Saburov, Tevosyan held his position right through the latter years of Stalin's rule.

This was announced Mr Tevosyan's new appointment last night.—China Mail Special.

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## IN THE WASHINGTON WASH:

## THE POLITICAL VACUUM LEADS TO CONFUSION

By ALEXANDER BROAD

**A**MERICANS have suddenly become sensitive. The Washington and the New York papers have been overflowing with column after column of small print recording what the British think about the Americans, what the French think about the Americans, what the Indians think about the Americans, and even what the Canadians think about the Americans.

In part, this is due to a political vacuum.

The State Department is busily drafting a new policy—admission in itself that the old policy just wasn't doing the trick.

But little of it has shown in print so far.

## Dull Stuff

**A**GAIN, although the atmosphere of crisis is still present, there is enough crisis activity going on.

Americans find the controversy over who will clear the Suez Canal and for whom pretty dull stuff. Nor are they much excited about other peoples' economic crises. So far, apart from the fact that there is a shortage of glace cherries for the Christmas-New Year season, there hasn't been any economic crisis here.

The result is that the papers have fallen back on other peoples' thoughts about America.

No one is surprised that the British and French are not enthusiastic America-lovers again yet. But rumblings from Canada that the Suez crisis was as much a result of America's bungling as of any-

body else's, and signs that engaged by suggestions that a Canadian is determined to have now, if much smaller, Marshall Plan may be on the way. He thinks, even when it upsets one has never been a foreign aid enthusiast, and the thought that a new aid programme may appear just as he is getting to show a budget surplus, alarms him even more.

Furthermore, he is not happy about the departure of Mr Herbert Hoover Jr. and the arrival of Mr. Herter in his place as chief lieutenant to Mr. Dulles.

Hoover has always been Humphrey's ally and the State Department's only top level doubter on foreign aid. Mr. Herter is a foreign aid enthusiast.

All this merely makes Mr. Humphrey more determined than ever. And President Eisenhower, who often seems to distrust his own grasp of government finance, may, in the long run, be influenced by him.

## Christmas Sales

**S**HOPKEEPERS are gloomy. Preliminary statistics show that almost everywhere, Christmas takings were below last year's.

The reasons are something of a mystery. There has, for instance, recently been a minor boom in auto sales—so the explanation isn't that people have not any money.

Personal savings, indeed, are going up.

One reason may be the up-surge of religious feeling, coupled with the fact that high powered Christmas advertising seems to have outdone itself.

There may be something of a reaction against the ever-increasing commercialisation of Christmas. Perhaps the unsettled world situation prompted a few people to look beneath the surface for a deeper meaning in Christmas.

## Backroom Battle

**T**HE confusion and the vacuum, of course, are just what the isolationists like best, and it is hard, after reading the papers, to blame any American who wants to abandon the rest of the world to its madness.

Nor is the situation helped at all by the fact that there is a behind-the-scenes battle going on in the Cabinet.

Mr. Humphrey, the Secretary of the Treasury, has been



"Decorations are an essential part of the gaiety of Christmas... the whole family is drawn closer together by the fragile links of a paper chain."

## It is Britain's most expensive school. The fees are £16,000 a year. That's what it costs to teach a man to fly planes like this...

**T**HE most exclusive school in Britain stands among the pines on the outskirts of Farnborough. Like other Hampshire preparatory schools it is on the small side: only 34 pupils this term. It is also expensive. Very, very expensive.

The Principal (S. Wroath) is speaking to a potential pupil on the telephone. "Got to remember the fees are inclusive, old boy. I know £16,000 a year sounds a lot, but that includes everything."

It includes, according to the curriculum, the development of common sense and judgment, tact and deportment, self-reliance and adaptability. It also includes the use of a Delta jet fighter and many thousand gallons of aviation fuel.

This is the Empire Test Pilots' School. The preparatory school for the next era in the history of flight. Perhaps also the school which will, some day, send one of its graduates out in the first flying machine to break away from gravity and into space.

## INDEPENDENCE

**T**HE pupils here wear uniform, but this could never be an ordinary officers' mess.

It is not just that they are older than average squadron pilots and crews. It is not just that while most wear R.A.F. or R.N. blue, there are men from Canada, Australia, the United States, France, Italy, Belgium, Sweden and India. It is rather that here there is a unique spirit and atmosphere.

In the place of the strong, invisible ties that bind together crews and squadrons there is, among these future test pilots, marked individuality. There is a feeling of independence.

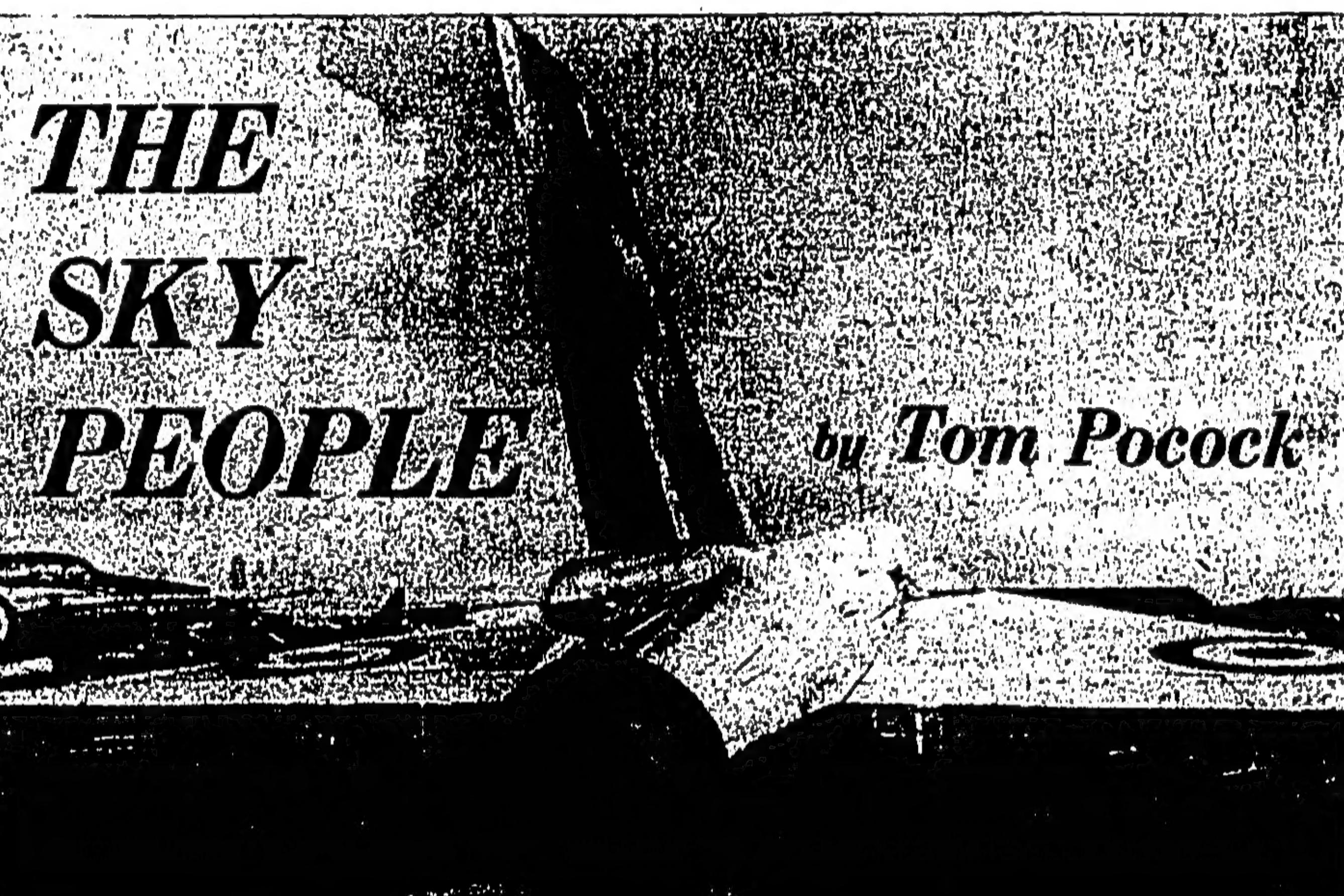
Look at them as they sit at their schoolroom desks, or over their coffee in the mess anteroom, leafing through Pilots' Notes or aviation magazines.

They are in their late twenties, most of them. Each man is already a skilled pilot. Each looks tough and self-reliant. Each knows that he is being prepared to face and tackle massive and sometimes unknown physical forces—and tackle them alone.

## LECTURES

**T**HIS test pilot's course lasts a year. There are lectures in quiet, sunny classrooms on high-speed flight problems and supersonic airplane design.

There are hours spent in the air in a Canberra, Sea Hawk, or Hunter. There is the supreme



by Tom Pocock

privilege of piloting the Delta and knowing that although this is now the newest of them all, it marks only the point where their work will begin.

Look around the walls of the library and the flying school, and there in group photographs and signed portraits are the end-products.

Names like Duke and Lithgow, Twiss and Bedford, Peg and Martin. These are the stars. Their achievements are within reach of all, but for most their careers will be exacting, sometimes dull, sometimes dangerous, but never resulting in fame.

To understand these future pioneers talk to the men who teach them. First, the Commandant — Group Captain Samuel Wreath, C.B.E., A.F.C., R.A.F.

"Everybody" knows Sammy Wreath. A good man at a party, a good man at the hydraulic controls. A dark, buccaneering type with a gleam in his eye and a pugnacious set to his jaw.

He sits at his desk in work-manlike battalions, and collar-attached shirt, but you know he would be happier in a pressure suit, sitting in the Delta to his jaw.

Wreath is an old-timer, as test pilots go. He says, "I started in this business at Martlesham Heath way back in '35. I was just an ex-fighter boy and the selection of test pilots was pretty haphazard,

## OLD-TIMER

"One way we tested airplanes was called 'willing the puddings'. You got airborne, then you moved the control column round and round, as if you were stirring a pudding. If there were no engine, she was O.K."

Once a week they all wear civilian clothes. They must keep in touch with world news. They must learn about the aviation industry. And, while

Then there was no specialised training for test pilots. Now the curriculum stresses the need for "the ability to grasp essentials and a sense of perspective."

"Twenty years ago," says Wreath, "a test pilot's report might be coloured by the party he had the night before."

In 1943 the first test pilots' training course began at Boscombe Down and, since then, might be a young science don.

Working at Farnborough with Wreath is his chief test flying instructor, Wing Commander Neill MacDonald, A.F.C., R.A.F. Out of his tailored worsted battalions he has this spark and whiz, as they put it, "screwing himself up to do the job." These latter may turn into adequate test pilots—but very limited."

These dedicated men are there many now at Farnborough? No outsider can tell. Perhaps it is too early even for their instructors to know just who has this spark and whiz, as they put it, "screwing himself up to do the job." These latter may turn into adequate test pilots—but very limited."

## DEDICATION

**T**EN years from now, some of these 34 pupils will be flying airplanes now, only imaginative doodles on the drawing board of a Petter or a Canan.

Later, one or two may come to Farnborough to teach a new generation of pupils—and who knows what airplanes they will be called upon to fly?

These, then, are the men in the very vanguard of human endeavour. They will be the leaders of the Sky People.

They may not have the unconscious gallantry of the fighter pilots and bomber crews. They can never lead the secure yet varied lives of civil aircraft. Theirs, they know, will be a life in which danger will be a constant factor.

MacDonald paused as, outside, two Hunters taxied past, hot gas from their jet pipes blasting across the tarmac.

Quietly, he continued. "The test pilots' job is only 10 percent glamour. A lot of it is tedious—the routine testing of production planes."

On a week they all wear civilian clothes. They must keep in touch with world news. They must learn about the aviation industry. And, while

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# Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

**By "RAPIER"**

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Race Meeting of the current season starts tomorrow at the Valley and will continue on Saturday, January 5.

There are 10 events on the programme tomorrow, the most important of which is the Stewards Cup. It is a handicap race for Class 1 ponies over Six Furlongs.

The First Handicap Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first Race will be run promptly at 12.00 noon. The Tiffin interval will come after the running of the Fourth Race, and the first bell after that will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Given the weather conditions the meeting should attract a record crowd of racing fans.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

**FIRST RACE** (Handicap (First Section) - One Mile)

The starting race is confined to Class 3 ponies to be ridden by jockeys who have not won twice elsewhere this year.

There are 10 entries. I am sure that Dilkoosh with P. Plumbly up in the Violet Hill Handicap (First Section) from the 14th Mile Past at the 3rd Race Meeting and it certainly appears to have the best recommendation for a win here.

Anybody is likely to happen, however, and the defeat of Scrabo by either Amatola or Evergreen (both Chans) is not, by any means, impossible.

Thus, Amatola has not won a race for some time, but I have a feeling it is due for a win.

Evergreen was most disappointing the last time out in running third. Tomorrow it will be given a grand chance of avenging its previous defeat.

However, I am going to nominate Amatola to win,

with Scrabo second and Evergreen third with Applause (Allen Chan) as the outsider.

**SECOND RACE** (Handicap Handicap (Second Section) - Six Furlongs)

This race will be contested by Class 4 ponies. In my estimation the result will be decided between Caesar (K. Kwok), Peach Blossom (P. Plumbly), Giddup (H. M. Belcher), and Emerald (C. L. Liu).

Cesar is a greatly improved pony and its third placing in the Brighton Handicap (First Section) at the 4th Race Meeting should provide it with a win here.

On the other hand, Peach Blossom is well suited for this distance and should be near at the close.

Then there is Giddup which is also a danger here as it is good enough to extend the field.

Emerald will be piloted by C. L. Liu and, for those who prefer an outsider, this combination is worth following.

**THIRD RACE** (Handicap Handicap (Second Section) - One Mile)

Among the entries we have two likely winners. They are Nivea (Foggy (H. K. Chung)) and Fauna (K. Kwok). I am rather inclined to believe, however, that with 145 lbs in parity, Never Forget, provided H. K. Chung can get off to a good start, should be too good.

On the other hand, Apple Pie (Robert Travers) must not be overlooked, despite its failure to win at the 4th Race Meeting, as this pony is good over this distance.

Albert Lam will have charge of Diamond Dahlia and this combination should be worth following as an outside chance.

**SIXTH RACE** (Handicap Handicap (Second Section) - One Mile)

This is the main event of the afternoon and will be contested by Class 1 ponies.

Ledged choker in this race is Night People (K. Kwok). A win is certainly coming up for this well-conditioned pony. It will not come as a surprise if it will win by a comfortable margin over Winsome Star (H. K. Chung) and Silver Wing (H. H. Chan).

Ivan-Ho (A. Ostromoff) is improving in its track work during morning gallops.

For a possible big dividend take a shot at Charlot (A. Travers).

**SEVENTH RACE** (Handicap Handicap (First Section) - Queen's Parchment (S. H. Wong)) looks to have a very good chance to win this race confined to the First Section of Class 6 ponies.

This pony won the Dunstoun Plate over the two-mile post-pieces of 1956 (Class C) at the 4th Race Meeting with ease.

There is, of course, just a possibility that Cover Girl (H. K. Hung) may cause an upset.

The distance also favours Vendetta (K. Kwok) and Gallant Knight (C. F. Ng).

**EIGHTH RACE** (Handicap Handicap (First Section) - One Mile)

In this race Johnbier (A. Ostromoff) has a good opportunity of sealing another win following its fine performance at the 4th Race Meeting when it won the Glen Moy Handicap (Second Section), carrying 155 lbs.

There is Babie (K. Kwok) to be considered and, if given a runaway start, it will give Johnbier a good run for first position.

Skylon (P. Plumbly) and Iping (A. Travers) should fight out third place.

**NINTH RACE** (Handicap Handicap (Second Section) - One Mile)

From a perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for the second lot of Class 6 ponies, it appears that Kentucky Lad (C. F. Ng) has the best recommendation for a win.

The pony to watch, however, is Belinda (A. Ostromoff). It has been showing improved form lately and it will give Kentucky Lad a keen fight to the end.

There is Fleetfoot (Star Liu) to be considered and a ticket each way on this combination may turn out to be a good investment.

Lake Success (Albert Lam) is in fine trim at the moment and should be worth following as an outsider.

**TENTH RACE** (Handicap Handicap (Second Section) - Two Miles)

From a perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for the second lot of Class 6 ponies, it appears that Kentucky Lad (C. F. Ng) has the best recommendation for a win.

The pony to watch, however, is Belinda (A. Ostromoff). It has been showing improved form lately and it will give Kentucky Lad a keen fight to the end.

There is Fleetfoot (Star Liu) to be considered and a ticket each way on this combination may turn out to be a good investment.

Lake Success (Albert Lam) is in fine trim at the moment and should be worth following as an outsider.

**SPECIAL CASH SWEEP**

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A. E. Arnold,  
Secretary.

Cut this out and take it to the races tomorrow for your guidance

## Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

12.00 noon Race 1. LAYTOWN HANDICAP (1st Section), Class B 1 MILE. Novices.

001 Amatola (Lam) Andrew Lam 140 lbs.

002 Nitro (Rodney) Andrew Lam 150 lbs.

003 V.I.P. (Rodney) Andrew Lam 150 lbs.

004 No Big (Cheung) Alan Lam 155 lbs.

005 Applause (Krasnoperoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

006 Dilkoosh (Perbeck) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

007 Caesar (Metrevelli) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

008 Acres High (Lam) S. L. Chan 150 lbs.

009 River of Gold (Metrevelli) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

010 Green Velvet (Tokmokoff) C. L. Liu 145 lbs.

011 Evergreen (Tokmokoff) H. K. Chung 145 lbs.

012 Zermatt (Lam) C. L. Liu 145 lbs.

013 Blazing (Krasnoperoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Blazing Time, Many Millions.

014 Precious Metal (Tokmokoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Jingle Bell, Castle Peak.

4.00 p.m. Race 2. B.A.L.O.Y.E. HANDICAP (1st Section), Class A 1 MILE. Novices.

015 Benchish (Metrevelli) Lam 155 lbs.

016 Jip On Soft (Metrevelli) Lam 155 lbs.

017 Gallant Knight (Rodney) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

018 Barrington (Rodney) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

019 Queen's Parchment (S. H. Wong) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

020 Emerald (Chung) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

021 Peach Blossom (Leskovoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

022 All Gay (Perbeck) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

023 Princess (Tokmokoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

024 Prince (Rodney) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Prince, Jingle Bell.

4.30 p.m. Race 3. LAYTOWN HANDICAP (2nd Section), Class A 1 MILE. Novices.

025 Desert Gold (Metrevelli) Lam 155 lbs.

026 Happy Warrior (Leskovoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

027 Valbridge (Rodney) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

028 Colin (Lam) C. L. Liu 152 lbs.

029 Always There (Perbeck) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

030 Mak Siller (S. H. Wong) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

031 Vigorous Ava (Krasnoperoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Vigorous Ava, Star Liu.

5.00 p.m. Race 4. LAYTOWN HANDICAP (2nd Section), Class A 1 MILE. Novices.

032 Another Victory (Wong) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

033 Gallant Knight (Rodney) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

034 Constellation (Chung) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

035 Emerald (Chung) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

036 Peach Blossom (Leskovoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

037 All Gay (Perbeck) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

038 Iolanthe (Tokmokoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

039 Caesar (Tokmokoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Caesar, Star Liu.

4.30 p.m. Race 5. EPINOM HANDICAP (1st Section), Class A 1 MILE. Novices.

040 Happy Warrior (Leskovoff) C. L. Liu 155 lbs.

041 Another Victory (Wong) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

042 Gallant Knight (Rodney) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

043 Constellation (Chung) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

044 Potentilla (Perbeck) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

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046 Golden Branch (Chung) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

047 Lightning Feet (Metrevelli) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

048 Knock-down (Lam) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

049 Nose King (Tokmokoff) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

050 Gabriel Junks (Krasnoperoff) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

051 Huntingdon (H. H. Chung) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

052 Mayfair (A. S. Wong) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

053 Princess (Tokmokoff) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

054 Ping On (Leskovoff) H. H. Chung 155 lbs.

Possible Acceptors: Ping On, Star Liu.

# HEXANGULAR RUGGER TOURNEY ONE UPSET AS AIRMEN FAIL TO HOLD ARMY SOUTH'S FORWARDS

By "PAK LO"

There was only one upset in Saturday afternoon's rugby, when the Airmen at Kai Tak failed to hold the Army South forwards and the result was a clear-cut, well deserved win for the soldiers by 17 points (1 goal, 2 tries, 2 penalty goals) to 3 points (1 try).

As expected the Club had a fairly comfortable win over the Police by 15 points (5 tries) to 6 points (1 try, 1 penalty goal), while on the other side of the harbour the Navy won another two Hexangular points when they outplayed a subdued Army North XV by 19 points (2 goals, 2 tries, 1 penalty goal) to nil.

As a result of these matches there has been another upheaval in the Hexagonal Table, as can be seen, with only three points separating the leaders and the fifth team in the table, and although half the Tournament has now been played it is anyone's guess just who will win. If the Navy can keep the Kaniers in port until the end they would seem to have the easiest chance of annexing the title, but this is one forecast which could all too easily be upset.

Here is the latest table:

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**Club v. Police**

Right from the start two things were obvious about the Club. The first that the forwards had over the Christmas season did very well if not wisely, for they were slow in the loose and did not cover their halves at all well, and since they stood rooted to the ground in the lineouts it must be presumed that they had too large helpings of Christmas pudding.

There were two exceptions to this, and only two, Gaunt "honic" in the loose, and Millar was outstanding in every aspect of the game. Secondly with the Club forwards, who have until now been the mainstay of the Club, failing to do much, it looked as if the Police should have won, but to make up for it the Club threees played their best game to date.

Cheong and Valentine in the centre were first class, and they got good service from O'Kelly who, however, spoilt his display by running across field after Young, the Club fullback three, had made the ball go.

The Army South must thank Barker for this game for he gave them at least 80 percent of the set scrums and drove in the loose into the bargain.

The Army backs were disappointing, even with this superlative service, and their handling fell far short of good class rugby. Neither side handled well but the Army was definitely the worse of the two.

The RAF forwards showed little spirit compared to last week, and played as eight men and never as a combined pack. Fraser and Cornish of the RAF threees were good, but were all too often on the defensive and their forwards gave them no aid.

The fact that of the three tries scored by the Army only one was by a back speaks volumes for itself. Bothman was the only Army three to shine but did not see enough of the ball.

In the Army forwards Phipps and Busby stood out, particularly the latter who electrified the spectators with a wonderful 40-yard drop kick from which he kicked and ran round behind him, but added nothing else.

On the whole it was a fairly even game as the Army centres fumbled away their chances, but the Army had too regular a possession of the ball not to win despite their glaring faults.

Once again there was an exception in Scott who saw far too little of the ball. He did, after a while, drop back to full back but was wasted, although it was from this position that he made the move which resulted in the only Police try of the match.

He gathered the ball on the touchline and then waved up O'Regan into position and cross-kicked beautifully and all O'Regan had to do was gather and touch down for Sharpe to convert with ease.

The Police pack Walker, Ross and Forde were outstanding, and Cunningham deserves mention for out-thinking Mellan time and again.

**THE PLAY**

De Cordova opened the scoring when he followed up and gathered a loose kick near the posts and touched down for Sharpe to convert with ease.

A few minutes later, from a scrum on the RAF line, Hill picked up the ball through for an unconverted try, and shortly after Sharpe converted a penalty for offside from about 20 yards out to give the Army threees a 10-0 lead.

This was increased just on half time when the Airmen were penalized for lying on the ball and fumbled the ball in front of the posts on the RAF 23, 14-0.

The Airmen retaliated with a nice try by Fraser when he picked up the ball from the ground, his own scrum half, and went through to score half way out. The conversion was missed, 14-3.

Shortly afterwards in an Army attack, Owen-Smith tried a goal and missed, and play swept to the other end of the field where, for obstruction, the Army were penalized, but Macnamara missed a "sitter".

The RAF were not finished and a good run by Hope up the wing

gave Tutton a chance, but he was bundled out, touch-in-goal, and then finally came Busby's double which added another three points to the Army's score.

**Navy v. Army North**

No doubt about this one. The only surprise in it was the size of the score, but it was a well deserved victory for the Navy were faster and stronger in practically every department, but particularly in the halves, for while Corner and Rakatau were outstanding Turnbull threw away the game for Army North.

When a pass came near Beynon the latter looked more surprised than anything else, but covered up as well as he could.

Both sides settled slowly but it was the Navy's three who got down to business first with Lloyd looking much happier and playing better than he had done in long time on the wing, with his centres feeding him well.

Army North, on the other hand, starting with a bad service from the base of the scrum, simply got worse and worse and never even looked like scoring, let alone winning.

In the Navy forwards Bong, Judd and Blake were prominent, but only Mander did anything worthy of mention in the Army side, and as the other forwards saw the three throwing the game away they lost heart and the Navy pack, which had been shining in the loose, took complete charge of the game and gave their three plenty of chances which they were quick to accept.

**THE PLAY**

Kay who did not have all that he wanted covered the scoring with a nice penalty conversion from about 30 yards out, moved out from about 20 yards and scored a set piece try when he batted the ball sailed smash between the posts.

Then, having shown what he could do, Kay amazingly missed a conversion from the goal posts. Bong had picked up the ball in the loose about ten yards from the Army line and crunched it through to a four-point try.

Despite continual Navy pressure it took 15 minutes before they scored again, this time the second try, when Nam Wah drove well, kicked ahead and Judd raced up to touch down. Kay converted easily.

Just on time Corner gathered a loose ball from a five-yard scrum and sent Spencer away who in his turn sent Lloyd off to score under the posts, and Kay converted easily.

**NON-TITLE FIGHT POSTPONED**

TOKYO, Dec. 30.—The Filipino fight promoter, Lope Sarreal, today announced postponement of the non-title fight in Manila next month between the Far Eastern Featherweight Champion, Shigeji Kaneko, and Flash Elorde because of the Japanese fighter's injury.—United Press.

This was increased just on half time when the Airmen were penalized for lying on the ball and fumbled the ball in front of the posts on the RAF 23, 14-0.

The Airmen retaliated with a nice try by Fraser when he picked up the ball from the ground, his own scrum half, and went through to score half way out. The conversion was missed, 14-3.

Shortly afterwards in an Army attack, Owen-Smith tried a goal and missed, and play swept to the other end of the field where, for obstruction, the Army were penalized, but Macnamara missed a "sitter".

The RAF were not finished and a good run by Hope up the wing

gave Tutton a chance, but he was bundled out, touch-in-goal, and then finally came Busby's double which added another three points to the Army's score.

**KCC Wappingshaw**

KCC lawn bowlers are reminded that the annual Wappingshaw arranged for next Sunday will instead be played on Saturday this week, beginning at 2.30 p.m.

**INSTRUCTION**

Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

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## SCIENCE &amp; ENGINEERING

WORLD'S LARGEST  
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POWER STATION

Work will begin shortly on the world's largest atomic power station. It will be constructed for the South of Scotland Electricity Board.

The station has been designed by the GEC-Simon-Carves Atomic Energy Group. The GEC, as main contractor, is to be completely responsible for the whole project, the value and scope of which probably exceeds that of any other single contract hitherto placed with a British industrial organisation.

Power will be derived from the heat generated by a controlled nuclear fission chain reaction in two nuclear reactors. The principle of operation will be similar to that of the Calder Hall reactors in that the natural uranium fuel will be contained within a pile of graphite moderator material and the heat extracted by circulating carbon dioxide gas under pressure.

## CAPACITY

The generating capacity of the station will be 360,000 kilowatts and the total output of electrical power is guaranteed to be not less than 300,000 kilowatts, rising to 320,000 kilowatts, all of which will be fed into the National Grid. Furthermore, the station has been designed to operate on base load, so that every day between 5 and 6 million units of electricity will be sent out to consumers. The saving in coal from this one station will amount to at least 1 million tons a year.

Each reactor with its eight steam raising units will weigh about 70,000 tons, the entire structure being supported on thick concrete rafts. Protection from nuclear radiation is provided by a 9 ft. -- 10 ft. thick concrete biological shield surrounding the core and forming one face of the 180 ft. high reactor building.

The erection programme will be greatly assisted by a specially built Goliath crane—the largest in the world. Its 200 ft. span, the same as the centre span of London's Tower Bridge, will enable it to straddle the construction site, and it will be capable of lifting up to 300 tons at a time.

Associated with the G.E.C. and Simon-Carves Ltd. in this great enterprise are The Motherwell Bridge and Engineering Co. Ltd., who will fabricate the pressure vessels, and John

Mowlem (Scotland) Ltd., who will be the civil contractor.

The cylindrical core of each reactor, 28 ft. high and 50 ft. in diameter, is built up of 2,000 tons of graphite blocks containing vertical channels for the fuel elements and control rods.

Each of the 3,200 fuel channels contains 10 individual fuel elements stacked in a column one on top of the other. The element consists of a bar of natural uranium metal, sealed in a magnesium alloy can which is biased to assist heat extraction.

The total charge of uranium in the two reactors is 500 tons.

## PRESSURE VESSELS

The reactor core rests on a grid made of steel plates arranged in an 'egg-box' fashion. Surrounding the sides and top of the core is an inner steel shell made of relatively thin sheet plate.

A 70ft. diameter spherical pressure vessel, welded from 3 in. thick steel plate and weighing nearly 1,000 tons, completely encloses the core and inner shell. The double-shell construction enables the best materials to be used for each purpose—a temperature resistant steel for the hotter, inner shell, and a tough, non-brittle steel for the spherical vessel which has to withstand the full working gas pressure.

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For base load power station

It is obviously undesirable to have to shut-down the reactor to change the fuel. The charge-discharge machine is, therefore, designed so that the removal of spent or damaged fuel elements and the charging of fresh fuel can be carried out while the reactor is on load and under pressure.

The charge/discharge machine is controlled from a room in the reactor building where the sequence of operations is viewed on close-circuit television screens.

## STEAM RAISING UNITS

Heat is extracted from the nuclear reactor by a coolant gas, carbon dioxide, circulated throughout the system under a pressure of 150 lb. per sq. in. Gas passes upwards through the fuel channels in the reactor core, becomes heated, and is led away to the steam raising units where it gives up its heat to water with the formation of steam.

Eight units are radially disposed in pairs round each reactor. They contain banks of steel tubes through which the water and steam flow; as with the fuel cans, the steam raising unit tubes are finned to provide an extended surface and thus improve the efficiency of heat transfer.

The 16 units for the complete station contain about 300 miles of tubing.

In the base of each 210 ton unit is an electrically driven 2,200 h.p. blower which recirculates the cool gas through the reactor.

## TURBINE HALL

Steam from the steam raising units is piped over a bridge to the 700 ft. long turbine hall containing six 60,000 kilowatt dual pressure turbo-generator sets. Apart from all the ancillary heating and condensing plant, the turbine hall also houses the main control room in which the control of the reactors' heat exchangers and turbo-generators is centred.

## COOLING POND

Between the two reactor buildings is an 18 ft. deep cooling pond in which the irradiated or spent fuel elements are allowed to 'cool-off' radioactively before being reprocessed.

## MORE POWER FOR FARMERS



Behind the design of this new British tractor is a wealth of practical experience accumulated over the years by the operation of machines of varying horse power in all parts of the world.

The new tractor — the David Brown "900" — has more power than previous models. This has been achieved by incorporating the latest developments in fuel pump and injection equipment. The development of the rotary type distributor pump has enabled this firm to increase the working speed of the engine and at the same time obtain a higher thermal efficiency.

By ensuring that the full engine power can be utilised at the drawbar, the David Brown company is providing a high powered tractor which can give results in terms of extra power to the farmer. This means, for example, that a 4-furrow plough can be handled in many conditions or, alternatively, that 3-furrow ploughing can be carried out at a faster rate.—CIO.

## NEW OILFIELDS DISCOVERED

Paris, Dec. 30.

The newly discovered Karamal oilfields in northern Shandong is already providing regular oil supplies, the New China news agency reported tonight.

Both of these discoveries were regarded as indications of much greater oil deposits in Karamal than the previous estimates of 100 million tons, the agency said.

Natural gas, usually coexisting with oil, was found extensively in this year's exploration over an area of 4,000 square kilometres adjacent to Karamal.

Exploration is to start shortly near the Mediterranean coast at the historic Roman settlement of Cesarea, near Haifa.

Oil prospecting by Israeli and foreign concessionaires has increased in recent months. The Israel continental oil drilling company, is shortly to begin drilling in the Tiberias area near Lake Galilee and in the Jordan Valley.—France-Presse.

In Haifa, it was learned that Israel's first underwater oil ex-

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An important order for Very High Frequency Radio Multichannel Telephone System linking Jamnagar and Rajkot, and Bhavnagar and Surat, has been placed with Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Limited by the Government of India on behalf of Western Railways, Bombay.

This will be the first Radio Multichannel system to be installed in the Republic of India. It is one of the most up-to-date means of communication and shows the progressive approach of Western Railways under its General Manager, M. M. Gonapathi, to the problems of increasing the traffic handling capacity of Western Railways. This is a typical example of the bold attitude of Modern India.

Marconi have surveyed and installed Multichannel Radio Telephone Systems on every continent. The scale of the Company's activities in this field is indicated by the fact that the total telephone channel miles of Marconi radio multichannel systems completed to date would go fifteen times round the world.

## NEW NAVIGATIONAL AID

It can now be revealed that for the past two years Marconi's have been in the aircraft gyro-compass and suitable computer, it can provide an automatic and continuous flow of navigational information such as immediate position in latitude and longitude, track guidance, distance run or distance to go, estimated time of arrival, and wind velocity.

Several years ago, sponsored by the British Ministry of Supply, the Marconi Company began the development of a highly accurate navigational device which was to be self-contained and independent of any ground-based apparatus.

The Type AD 2000 is virtually unaffected by weather conditions.

This equipment is being supplied to certain Commonwealth countries as well as to the Royal Air Force. When it is released for general use it should be of the greatest interest to the Civil Aviation world where it offers immense possibilities as a general system of navigation.

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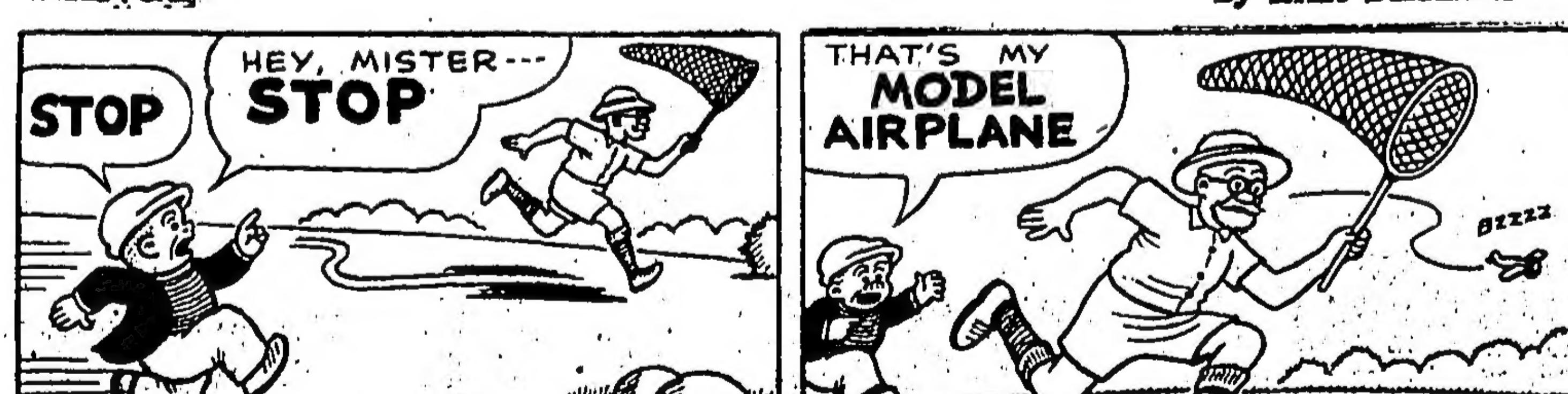
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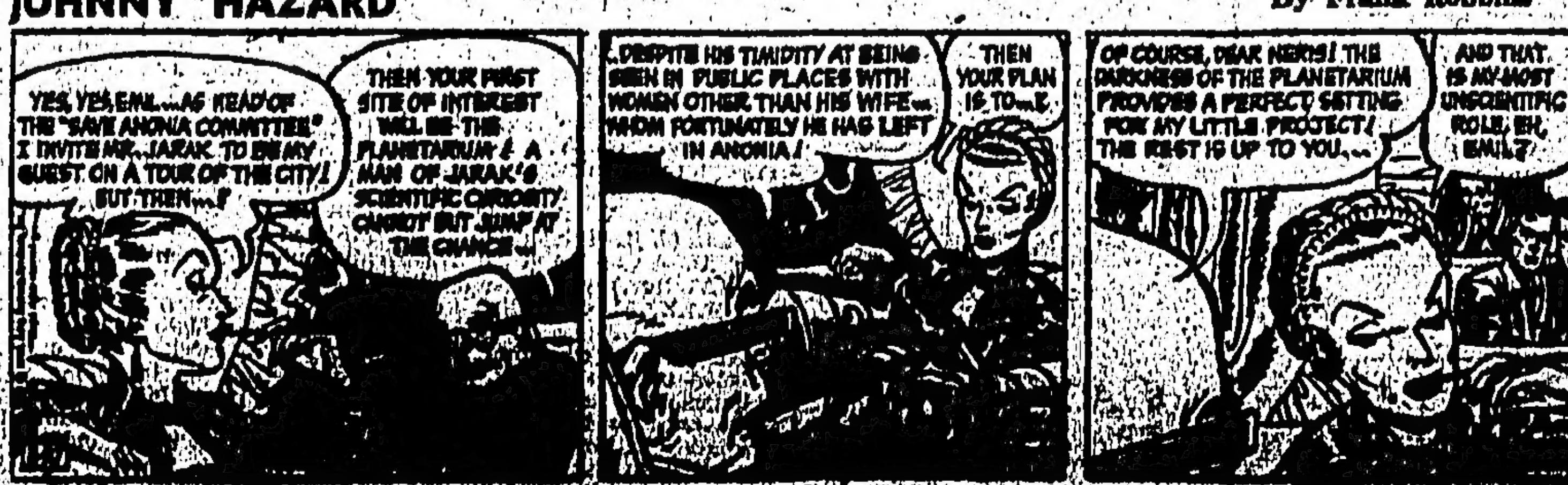
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calls for a  
San  
Miguel

## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

# Continuation Of Age Of Plenty In United States IMPELLED BY AUTOMATION AND ATOMIC ENERGY

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Dec. 30. The year 1957 promises to be a continuation of the age of plenty for America's 165 millions. Impelled by new horizons of atomic energy and automation, the US industrial juggernaut appears poised at year-end for what might well be its most productive effort in history.

There'll be more people working. They'll have more money to spend; and lots more leisure in which to indulge their every want. And there'll be lots and lots of new gadgets and trinkets to buy, ranging from pep-pills to build-your-own-with-a-do-it-yourself kit and airconditioned chrome-beribboned cadillacs.

In the broadest terms, that's how America's economic prospects set up the next twelve months.

At year-end, the fourth quarter boom which rolled up new peaks in production, employment, income and spending promises to carry over into 1957. Some segments of the economy will experience some adjustments. New peaks in output will be felt by most industries. Some leveling-off from these peaks is forecast, probably during the second half of the year. Nothing like a slump is expected; however, just come tempered consideration stemming mainly from war tensions and the Suez Canal crisis when all the 1956 figures are tallied, they'll be well ahead of 1956 according to the consensus.

**Forecast**

Here is what the experts see for the next twelve months:

The gross national product total value of all goods and services produced) will probably show an improvement over last year, thus marking the eighth time. In the past 10 years that the nation's volume of business reached a new peak. Higher prices will probably account for about half of the 1957 increase.

America's industries as a whole are confident in the future, are planning to spend about \$11 per cent more than last year. Actually many of those spending increases are pending plans not carried forward from 1956. Neither the presidential elections nor the Middle East crisis appear to have had any effect on these plans. Major increases are scheduled in steel, non-ferrous metals, chemicals, and petroleum refining.

The Federal Reserve production index will probably average around 140 in 1957, compared with an estimated 143

this year. Some experts figure the index might be as high as 150 by next autumn.

Personal spending will probably increase by about 100 million and corporate dividends by over 10.3 million; an increase in outlays by Federal and local governments

**Oil Industry**

In the oil industry, 1956 experienced increases in demand of 5.5 per cent in the United States and almost twice the amount abroad. Business is expected to continue to the present level next year. Experts look for a four per cent boost next year. US demand and exports that twice as much in 1956, not counting the impact of the Suez Canal situation. According to the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), without the Suez Canal and the Iran oil-line exports from the United States could increase as much as 500,000 barrels daily, or 5.5 per cent of the 1956 domestic and export demand. At the same time foreign demand will increase by about the same amount. The general effect of the Suez Canal crisis is to increase US exports of crude oil and products but lower export by a greater amount from the Middle East.

**Automobiles:** The general thinking is that the industry will turn out about 500,000 cars next year over an estimated 6,000,000 units for 1956. The industry, as far as the public's acceptance of its 1957 models so far this year. However, the spring buying season should give a better picture of the industry's potential. Last year, some 7.9 million cars were produced, but the industry suffered from a big inventory most of the year as consumers failed to buy. The carryover has since been whittled to more manageable proportions.

## US TEXTILE INDUSTRY CONFIDENT OF COMING YEAR

New York, Dec. 30.

The American textile industry stands at the threshold of the New Year with "measured confidence" provided the question of imports from the so-called low-wage countries is successfully resolved.

Industry spokesman, F. E. Grier, President, American Cotton Manufacturers Institute, Inc., made this forecast in a year-end summation of the textile industry and its problems.

Manufacturers' confidence in the future, he said, was demonstrated by an outlay of almost all kinds of new equipment.

The backlog of unfilled orders for cotton goods as the year approached a close was equivalent to 11 weeks production. Volume of new business taken in October was the highest monthly total in several years.

Final production figures for 1956 are expected to show a slight gain over the 10.1 billion yards of broad woven goods turned out in 1955.

**Volume Lower**

Another vote of confidence is what 1957 holds in store for the industry came in October when the industry boosted textile wages 10 cents an hour. This pay raise came, Grier emphasized, fully after the government indicated it would take steps to reduce the "perils" the industry faced in foreign markets.

**General Mood**

Although the general mood in the US is one of confidence, with most manufacturers showing a good backlog of unfilled orders, heightened international tensions have introduced new uncertainties into the business outlook.—United Press.

## NEW YORK COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By WILLIAM T. PLUNKETT

New York, Dec. 30.

Cotton futures edged upward in a holiday week shortened to three sessions.

At Friday's close the list ruled unchanged to 10 points—unchanged to 80 cents a bale—higher than the preceding week.

Activity broadened in the final session with most of the interest concentrated in the nearby March delivery. Spot interests were accredited sellers of around 50,000 bales, supposedly liquidation against spot purchases.

The large-scale offerings were taken up by trade interests and mill accounts, supposedly for year-end covering operations. While the business was being carried out, the March contract saw off, the March contract seen off, within a five point range, finishing the week net unchanged at 34 cents a pound.

Interest in later deliveries slackened with activity in new crop months coming to a halt at frequent long intervals.

Uncertainty about the government loan rate for the 1957 crop, and the question of producer participation in the soil bank programme, as well as now farm legislation expected when Congress reconvenes restrained activity in deferred months.

**CONTRACTION**

Exports continued to run well ahead of last year. Total clearances for the season to date reached 2,457,204 bales, or about 3½ times the volume cleared in the same period last season. However, some quarters wondered whether the current high rate could be maintained in face of the contraction in European industrial activity resulting from the fuel shortage.

Opinions commenced to differ on the probable effect of the soil bank programme.

Analysts conceded the programme may eliminate as much as four million acres from the 1957 allotment of 17.6 million acres. However, it was felt a big part of the land going into the bank may be the poorer, low-yielding acres, and that cultivation may be intensified on the higher-yield land.—United Press.

## The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Dec. 30.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Dec. 20, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	301,202,426,204
Total other currencies	14,289,323,363
Sight balance abroad	
in EPU	49,160,100,000

Advance to Stabilization Fund

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Current accounts and deposits

—United Press.

**ANNOUNCEMENT****WING LUNG BANK**

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December 31, 1956

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

New York, Dec. 30.

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$474,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS HK Bank	1,000	10	10,000
East Asia	240		
INSURANCES Union	900		
SHIPPING Wheelpocks (O) ...	71	7.33	5,000 + 7.30
(N) ...	83	9.93	3,000 + 9.00
DOCKS, ETC. K. Wharf	92		
Dock	131	13.80	10,000 + 14.40
LAND, ETC. HK Hotel	15	15.20	1,500 + 15.10
HK Land	15	16.00	500 + 16.10
	130	14.00	6,000 + 13.50
RUBBER Amak	1,371	1.85	5,000 + 1.85
UTILITIES Tram	23,40	23.00	1,000 + 23.00
Star Ferry	139	142	200 + 141
Yau Ma Tei	103	103	400 + 103
C. Light (O)	23,50	23.90	100 + 23.70
Electric	311	31.14	1000 + 31.14
	290	29.00	3,114 + 29.00
Macau E. Telephone	930	930	
(O) ...	24,60	23	
(N) ...	23,70	—	
INDUSTRIALS Cement	381	381	500 + 381
STORES, ETC. Dairy	15,20	15,40	200 + 15,40
Automobiles	13,50		
COTTONS Textile	4,20		
Nanyang	7	7.10	2,000 + 7.05
INVESTMENTS Vanuatu	6		
Allied	4,90		

**Exchange Rates**

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6.13

Sterling notes (per £1) 10.00

Australian notes (per £1) 10.50

Swiss francs (per 100) 27.00

Singapore (Straits) 1.80

## WALL STREET MAKES LATE RECOVERY

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Dec. 30. Wall Street took last week's three trading days to put its financial houses in order. There was a spurt in trading. Daily average volume rose to 2,556,946 shares, well up from the previous week's 2,252,915 shares, and the largest daily average since May 11 when it was 2,570,086 shares.

The net result was an irregular gain. Industrials closed the week at 490.41 up 2.03, on the week and up 23.03 for the month of December; rails 158.56 off 0.14 and up 1.67; utilities 88.32 up 0.07 and 1.91, and oils stocks up 0.01 and up 6.20.

Individual stocks were strong, notably Lukens which gained 8 1/4 points.

There were 1,378 issues traded of which 602 advanced, 689 declined and 188 held unchanged. A total of 47 issues made new highs for the year.

The market was closed for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday and on next Monday. It is a tradition in the financial district to maintain an open market the day before New Year's for belated year-end trades.

Wall Street thinks they are about cleaned up. It thought the same the week before and was wrong. However, the market already has had something of a year-end rally—a good one for the industrials and utilities and a baby one for the railroad rails.

**Rails Behind**

Rails are well behind the other sections on the year. To date their average is down 8.78 points from the 1955 close while industrials are up 8.01 points and utilities up 3.16 points.

Oil shares featured the market as a group on the upside. Gulf gained 7 1/4 in the international. Amenda featured the domestic with a rise of 6 1/4 points.

**NAMESAKES**

Answers:—1. Shorthand, 2. Pencil, 3. Reform, 4. Spelling, 5. Sound, 6. Phrase, 7. Teach, 8. Vocabulary, 9. Phonography, 10. Dictate, 11. Invention, 12. Memoranda, 13. Change, 14. Dictionary.

Sir Isaac Pitman (Inventor of Shorthand).

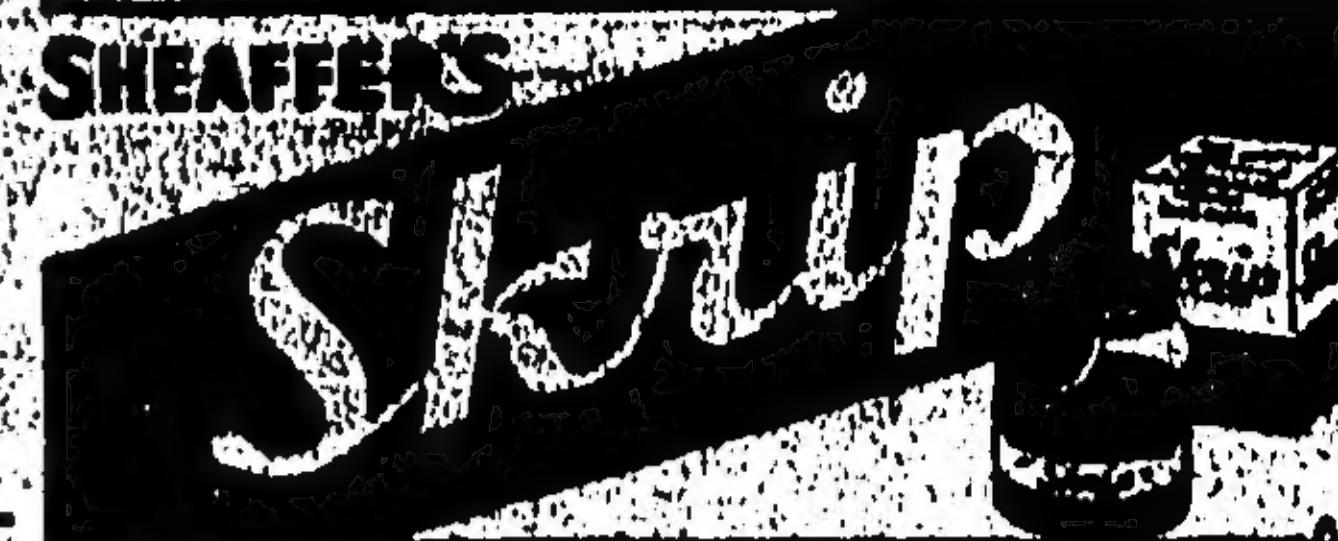


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## ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Chan Wan-kit, 22, unemployed, of 102 Hillwood Road, third floor, who was originally charged with impersonating a Police officer, was this morning additionally charged on two counts of larceny from the person and larceny by trick, before Mr F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy.

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, was offered bail of \$2,000 or seven days remand in gaol custody.

Mr d'Almada fixed the date for hearing for January 28 at 2.30 p.m.

## Prison For Triad Society Man

A 23-year-old car cleaner, Chan Har, of 207 Hillwood Road, first floor, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy this morning for being a member of an unlawful society.

He was cautioned on a second charge of possessing instruments fit for unlawful purpose, and he was fined \$300 or two months' imprisonment for breach of a \$300 bond.

In addition, he was ordered to be placed under Police supervision for two years after serving the prison term.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at P.O.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere, which may differ, can beascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered airmail and air-mail one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

Holiday Arrangements Tomorrow, January 1, 1957, the Victoria, Kowloon, Kowloon Central and Shamshui Po Post Offices will open from 8 a.m. to Noon, and Wanchai from 10 a.m. to Noon.

The box offices at the Victoria and Kowloon Central Post Offices will open from 8 a.m. to Noon, Kowloon, Shamshui Po from 9 a.m. to Noon, and Wanchai from 10 a.m. to Noon, and all other Post Offices will be closed.

There will be one general delivery of correspondence com-

mencing at 10 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31  
By Air

Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

Beijing, 9 p.m.

Peiping, Shanghai, Kunming, Hainan, 9 p.m.

By Surface

Tashkent, 2 p.m.

Macau, 4 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Present For Elizabeth

THE wife was in bed and asleep, when her husband came back. She woke him to fumble for light switches, and stumbled about the furnished room that was, in their middle-age, their home. Half fearful the wife, whose name was Elizabeth, waited to see what her husband's next move would be. There were times when he came home drunk and foul-tempered. There were other times when...

"Got a present for you," said Arthur. "I picked them." "Oh, Alan," Elizabeth said, "and I thought you'd finished with that sort of thing." "Oh, shut up," he said.

Alan was at work when the police called. They found the bits of costume jewellery, though Elizabeth had put them into a vase for safekeeping. "Where did you get these?" the policeman asked. "Oh, I've had them for years," said Elizabeth. "They're only cheap things."

**FROM THE FLATS'** THERE was something like tenderness in his voice, and in his outstretched hand he held something that glinted under the light.

Elizabeth took the offering, saw without great interest that it was costume jewellery, and said: "Where did you get it?"

"At the flats," said her husband, whose name was Alan. "Got it at the flats, for you."

### HAD THEM YEARS

THE thought was still with her when she awoke in the morning. "Those things you brought home," she said, "where did you get them?"

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**WHY SHOULD I ADMIT?**

LOYALTY plus experience made her speak so. She had seen her husband sent to prison before. The policeman went away. But not for long. Soon he was back.

"If you have had these things for years," he said, showing the baubles, "how do you account for their having been stolen from the flats where your husband works?"

"Well, if he wasn't going to admit it why should I?" Elizabeth asked, summoning woman's logic to her aid.

At Clerkenwell court Alan, a greyish, trim man of 51, pleaded guilty to stealing the jewellery, valued at £18. Elizabeth, standing beside him in the dock, looking older than her 47 years, pleaded not guilty to receiving the gowans.

### DIFFERENT DOORS

ALAN was sent from the court while the case against Elizabeth was heard. At its conclusion, Mr E. G. Robey, the magistrate, said:

"It has to be proved that at the time you received these goods you knew they were stolen. What happens afterwards isn't anything like so important. Nothing like a case of receiving has been made out against you, so the charge is dismissed."

Elizabeth was shown out. Alan shown in. The story of his past was told—from his boyhood days in Liverpool, through the good days when he did well in the Merchant Navy, to the bad, when he took to drinking bouts and crime—he had nine previous convictions for dishonesty. He was sent to prison for three months.

Wife and husband left the court by different doors, to different destinations. The strain upon their marriage was fearful. The way of their going suggested their marriage would survive.

### Exceeded The Speed Limit

Two lorry drivers were each fined \$50 or seven days for speeding by Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Sub-Inspector J. P. Wilson told the Court that the first defendant, To Puck-ching, of 428 Prince Edward Road, ground floor, was speeding on September 29 along Prince Edward Road from Fuk Lo Chuen Road to Pentland Street, exceeding the limit of 20 miles an hour by 10 to 12 miles an hour.

The second defendant, Chong Kong-chung, of 612 Shanghai Street, first floor, was also speeding along Prince Edward Road on October 3 from the junction of Waterloo Road to the railway bridge. His speed was 25 to 27 miles per hour.

### Quarry Manager Faces Charges

Chu Leung-fung, 33, Manager of the Flat Hill Quarry, Ngau Chi Wan, Kowloon City, appeared before Mr F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy this morning on charges of obstructing a Police officer in the execution of his duty, using abusive language to the officer, and damaging Government property.

Defendant, through his counsel, Mr Peter Lin of the Shun Tak Co., pleaded not guilty and all charges. He was allowed bail of \$1,000 and remained in custody. The Magistrate fixed hearing for January 16 and 20 at 2.30 p.m.

The defence for should be

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"How about a really big New Year's celebration, Lucille? Then I can get disgusted and keep my resolution!"

## HOSPITAL CRITICISED BY COUNSEL

Defence Counsel in a murder trial at the Criminal Sessions suggested this morning that the treatment of a man who died in Kowloon Hospital showed "disgraceful negligence on the part of the hospital."

Mr Terence Shurlock, defending an 18-year-old odd job coolie, Leung Kuen, on a murder charge, made the remark during cross-examination of Dr Henry Lee, medical officer at the Hospital.

Leung was alleged to have stabbed Ng Koon-kit, a factory worker, in the neck and back on August 1. Ng died from the neck wound, which turned septic, 12 days later.

Mr M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Leung is defended by Mr. J. C. Wilman, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Answering questions by Mr Shurlock, Dr. Lee said he was qualified to practise on December 1955.

In reply to more queries, witness said he examined Ng Koon-kit on August 1. Ng was suffering from a neck wound and two wounds in the back. In his opinion the back wounds had no connection with the death of the deceased.

### CLOSED WOUND

Dr Lee said he did not suture the neck wound at the time because he feared that infection might occur. The patient was detained in hospital until August 3. Before his discharge, he (witness) closed the neck wound. His general condition was good.

He gave the patient an antibiotic injection before his discharge.

Asked if the neck wound was such that it was a danger to life, Dr Lee said it was not a mortal wound at the time. In general, however, a wound on the neck was dangerous because of its position and depth.

Further questioned, witness said the anti-biotic used was penicillin. His senior colleague at first thought of transferring the patient to Laichikoo Hospital, but when it was found that his condition was good, he having received anti-biotics for three days—it was decided to discharge him.

Dr Lee said the patient was told that he should return to the hospital if he had any complaints.

### VARYING RESPONSE

Witness agreed with Counsel that not everyone responded the same way to the same kind of anti-biotics. He agreed further that it was possible to ascertain the type of anti-biotics suitable for a particular person. This was done by obtaining a specimen of the wounded person's pus and examining it.

In the present case, the patient did not have any pus on the outside of the wound. After his death, a post-mortem showed the existence of abscess behind the throat.

Mr Shurlock put it to witness that he did not make a complete diagnosis of the patient's trouble. Dr Lee agreed. He said he had missed that pus in his examination.

Witness agreed that had he detected the abscess he would have been able to get a specimen of the pus and it would have been possible for him to ascertain what type of antibiotic to which the patient would respond.

Dr Lee denied that this diagnosis had been "highly negligent and highly incompetent." He agreed, however, that there was a chance that the patient might still be alive if a more complete diagnosis had been made.

Further questioned, witness said the deceased died of poisoning of the blood as a result of the wound.

### MOBILISATION

Meanwhile at the Airport Fire Brigade and the T.A.F. Fire Brigade were alerted for the landing of the stricken aircraft. In Kowloon Bay a fire-float and R.A.F. crash boat stood by, while some doctors from Kowloon Hospital arrived in case of an emergency.

Hugging the Kowloon Hill, Captain Chet Brown brought his plane in low with the nose up to make a beautiful landing with its tyres bumping up the runway.

An hour later, after make-shift repairs had been made to the tyres, the plane was towed to the H.A.E.C. hangar for repairs.

The performance was given

## No China Mail Tomorrow

There will be no issue of the China Mail tomorrow (New Year's Day), but publication will resume on Wednesday with an early edition.

The South China Morning Post will appear as usual tomorrow, but will not resume publication until Thursday.

## Radio Hongkong

**H.K.T.** 5.30, Children's Programme. Tales by Todd; 6, Pictures and Stories. Programme Summary: 6.02, BBC Bandstand; 6.30, BBC Bandstand (BBCTS); 6.45, The Royal Guards, conducted by Sir Douglas Haig; 6.55, Classical Requests presented by Alleen Dekker; 6.59, Weather Report; 7.15, Melodies and Memories (BBCTS); 7.45, Show Business 1956; 8.15, New Year Message. From the Secretary of State for the Colonies: The Right Hon. A. L. Leopold-Hayes, 8.30, BBC Jazz Concert (BBCTS); New Year Programme. Chris Barber Jazz Band and Humphrey Lyttelton and his Band. 9.15, Robert Shaw Chorus. The Home News from Britain; 9.15, London Again (Bulle); Eric Coster Conducting The Philharmonic Orchestra; 9.30, Planets Concerto in Minor; 10.15, Clifford Curzon (Piano) and the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Anatole Fistoulari; 10.30, Robert Shaw Chorus. The Goon Show (BBCTS); Peter Seller, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan in "The Man Who Never Was" (Repeat of last Saturday broadcast); 10.55, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel; 11.15, "Dance to Your Favourites of All Time"; 11.30, "Sing Out the Old Year"; 12, Midnight, New Year Chimes. Auld Lang Syne. New Year Wishes. All Good Wishes and Year Round Party Fun; 12.30, Close Down.

**REDFUSION** 2 p.m. Variety. **Carls** is the Tune; 3, Musical Matinee. Yesterdays Entertainers; 4, Guest Stars; 4.30, Music by Damone Quintet; 5.30, "Music by Guests"; 6, Popular Singers; 6.15, "Show Business"; 6.30, New Year Message. From the Secretary of State for the Colonies: The Right Hon. A. L. Leopold-Hayes, 6.45, BBC Jazz Concert (BBCTS); New Year Programme. Chris Barber Jazz Band and Humphrey Lyttelton and his Band. 7.15, Melodies and Memories (BBCTS); 7.45, Show Business 1956; 8.15, New Year Message. From the Secretary of State for the Colonies: The Right Hon. A. L. Leopold-Hayes, 8.30, BBC Bandstand; 8.45, The Royal Guards, conducted by Sir Douglas Haig; 8.55, Classical Requests presented by Alleen Dekker; 9.00, Weather Report and Announcements; 9.15, Benny Goodman Show; 9.30, Radio Club; Fisher with "Axial" Concert; 9.45, "A Night in the Tracks"; 10, "Time Signal". Radio News Reel; 11, "Guest Stars"; 11.15, "Dance to Your Favourites of All Time"; 11.30, "Sing Out the Old Year"; 12, "Midnight, New Year Chimes". Auld Lang Syne. New Year Wishes. All Good Wishes and Year Round Party Fun; 12.30, Close Down.

### DID NOT RESPOND

The second time the patient was admitted to the hospital was on August 8; Dr. Lee stated, he was given penicillin and streptomycin until August 12. He did not seem to respond to these, so he was given another antibiotic.

Witness said such a treatment normally would have been sufficient. Since he did not respond to it, he added, he concluded that the "humpie" had done its best for him.

Mr Shurlock asked the doctor if he was aware that the deceased came to him around 6 a.m. on August 8, but was told to come back the following morning. Witness said he must have

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